

MAUI TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd of Honolulu are visiting Wailuku this week as the guests of Judge Kepoikali.

Fred Cross and Mr. Bowden of the Wireless Telegraph Company, have been to Lahaina this week and returned to Honolulu on the Mauna Loa last night. No suitable place was found at Lahaina for a station and the company will probably establish a station between Ulupalakua and Maheke or beyond Maheke.

Nigel Jackson, formerly on the Honolulu police has come to Wailuku and established an agency for the transaction of several lines of business. Mr. Jackson is an active and energetic young man, one of the kind that new Wailuku is attracting. He is a son-in-law of E. B. Friel formerly of Wailuku. He has opened a place of business adjoining the Iao Stables.

An elegant farewell luau was given at Wailuku on Thursday last by W. Cornwell to his sister Miss Kate Cornwell who goes to Honolulu next week. Over forty guests were present to enjoy the exquisite menu, the foundation of which was Hawaiian with American trimmings. After dinner the guests adjourned to the dancing parlors charmingly decorated in honor of the occasion and "tripped to the waltz" till midnight.

The S. S. Maunaloa, Capt. Barnes, 7 days, 16 hours from San Francisco reached Kahului yesterday with a general cargo and four passengers. She will probably clear for San Francisco with sugar about the 20th inst. She will also take passengers. She has elegant saloons and cabins, more so than any steamer which has yet touched at Kahului. Intending passengers will be taken aboard and allowed to inspect the accommodations before purchasing.

Nearly a year ago the matter of forming a Planters' Association on Maui was discussed and it was resolved to effect such an organization but action was deferred for a time.

Recent developments on the island and the near approach of the time when a new order of things will be called into existence by the passage of the territorial bill has prompted the planters to take decisive action.

On Monday last a meeting of many of the prominent planters on Maui was held at the residence of C. B. Wells, the manager of the Wailuku Plantation, at Wailuku. A permanent organization was effected and a constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The purpose of the organization is to further all matters relating to planting and general agricultural interests on the island and incidentally to encourage an interest in forestry.

The following officers were elected—H. P. Baldwin, President; Capt. Ahlborn, Vice-president; C. B. Wells, Secretary; W. J. Lowrie, Treasurer and L. Barkhausen, Auditor.

The above named officers will constitute a Board of Trustees who will manage the affairs of the Association. A permanent Bureau of Labor will be established at Wailuku under the management of a salaried secretary.

It would be a good investment for some of the men who own real estate in Wailuku to erect at least a dozen comfortable residences for rent. More than half a dozen families to the actual knowledge of the News man are now looking for houses to rent, but in vain. There are a number of vacant lots which for years have stood idle in Wailuku—any one should make a desirable site for a residence. It is to be hoped that some of the property owners will initiate the movement at once, thereby accommodating the public and enhancing the value of their property at the same time.

It is a tradition of the Hawaiians on Maui that at one time not so very remote, a forest extended from Wailuku to Maunaloa Bay, running mauka of the road to the very foot of the Pali. That entire section as well as the Makawao and Kula district have been entirely denuded of trees so that the unfenced portions are as bare and desolate as an Idaho sage-brush plain. It is hoped and believed that one good result of the organization of the Maui planters will be to reset much of this territory with a new forest. Such a thing is eminently practicable and the good results which will spring from it will repay a hundred fold the time and expense it will cost.

Wailuku like a chrysalis is throwing off the shell of foginess and emerging into a growing and thriving little town. New buildings are springing up, old ones are being renovated, new lines of business are under way, other new lines are being developed, the waterworks are near completion, the telephone company will put up new and tasteful poles, individual wire and a central office; in fact on every hand are the evidences that Wailuku has started to make a steady growth. Now is the time for the citizens and business men of Wailuku to take charge of the movement and help it along.

American Legion To Pass On Bonus Plan

Will Also Consider Wise's Homestead Bill—Both Matters Subject Of Referendum To Posts—Hilo Post Causes Land Bill Consideration

The Maui post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting at the territorial building, county fair grounds, next Tuesday evening, May 18, at which a number of matters of importance are to be considered. One of these is a vote to be taken on the matter of the proposed bonus to be paid ex-service men, under a bill now pending in congress. Another is proposed action on the Wise homesteading act.

In the matter of the bonus referendum of the posts of the United States is being taken. Honolulu Post No. 1 last Friday night voted the idea of any form of a cash bonus down by a large majority. It believes in proper assistance for men whose earning power has been impaired on account of disease or wounds due to the war, and it approves the idea of loans to soldiers to enable them to establish themselves on farms or in proper occupations, but all such loans should be on a reasonable business basis and in no sense pay for doing one's duty. From expressions which have been heard from members of the Maui post the same action is almost certain to be taken at next Tuesday's meeting.

Homestead Bill Uncertain

What action the local post will take on the homesteading matter is uncertain. The American Legion of the Islands was drawn into this matter through the hair-trigger action of the Hilo post which promptly went up in the air when the news reached the Islands that the house committee on territories had adopted Senator John Wise's Hawaiian rehabilitation plan and had declared against homesteading in general except for Hawaiians and had decided to withdraw from homesteading all sugar cane lands and to lease same to the plantations on a 15-year basis without withdrawal clause. A number of the Hilo post members are homesteaders in the Waialeale tract. The action of the post was cabled on to Washington thus in a way going over the head of and ignoring the Hawaiian department.

The department officials feel that an expression of all the posts in the territory is now necessary to either support Hilo or repudiate her action.

Kauai post has endorsed the stand of Hilo, while as yet no other posts have been heard on the matter. Honolulu No. 1 held a rather hot debate on the subject at the last meeting and then referred it to a committee to report at another time.

Iron Works To Furnish Pipe For Water Works

On its tender of \$18,023 for furnishing the county with 9156 feet of 6-inch cast iron water pipe, together with specified fittings, the supervisors yesterday let the contract to the Honolulu Iron Works. The specified time of delivery is 100 days.

The only other bidder was the Kahului Railroad Co., whose bid was \$20,510, with delivery promised in 90 days. The pipe is to be used for improving the deficient service for the town of Kahului.

Tenders Thrown Out And County Will Build Bridge

After opening the tenders for the construction of a concrete girder across Hoanua stream, Makawao district, the supervisors, at their meeting on Wednesday declared that the two bids received were both too high and that the county should do the job itself. The tenders were accordingly thrown out.

One of these submitted by C. E. Perkins was \$9338 as per specifications, and \$8403 for the job less the tearing out of the old bridge and construction of a temporary one.

E. C. Mellor's bid was \$8697 and \$7797 respectively for the job as above mentioned.

Maui Girl Makes Good In Los Angeles School

The following little "story" from a magazine published by a business college in Los Angeles tells how a Maui girl made good in her studies. Miss Tavares is now employed as stenographer in the office of the Haku Fruit & Packing Co., Ltd. The article follows:

LILLIAN TAVARES, FROM HAIKU, HAWAII

From Haiku, Maui, T. H., came an ambitious little girl seeking opportunities which were lacking in her island home. After receiving two years of high school training there she came to California, accompanied by her mother and father, to take up a business course. She came to Los Angeles Business College and after eight and one-half months completed the secretarial course.

What to most of us would be an obstacle, Lillian Tavares turned into "a means to an end." No unfamiliar words escaped her; she adopted them all—made them hers for future use. She was as well posted in current happenings and the English language as were the other members of her class, very often better.

Among the hundreds of ambitious students which it has been the privilege of Los Angeles Business College to serve, none were more conscientious and willing to work and learn than Lillian Tavares. She was eager to do her very best because as she said, "My father expects it of me." And when she returned to the Hawaiian Islands she took with her a well-earned diploma.

It is with pleasure that the Los Angeles Business College has heard that Miss Tavares obtained a position very soon after leaving here and is not only making good but has very bright prospects for the future.

The spirit and earnest endeavor which Miss Tavares possesses does not fail and she shall hear much more of diploma of the Los Angeles Business College in the future.

Old Chinaman At Hana Falls Under Car—Killed

The Kaeleku Sugar Company, of Hana, has just reported the death of a Chinese laborer which occurred on April 24. The man, who was 65 years old, is reported to have jumped from a moving train on the plantation railroad, and falling against a bank rolled back beneath the wheels and was instantly killed. Why the man jumped from the train is not stated. He is said to have no dependents.

To Make Sure—"Were you sick with the flu, Rastus?" "Sick, sick! Man, Ah was so sick most every night Ah look in dat casualty list for mah name."—Whizz-Bang (Boston Base Hospital).

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Acting upon a resolution adopted by the Hawaii Tourist Bureau that the Maui chamber of commerce be asked to assist in the matter of getting the county of Maui to reinstate the subscription for the maintenance of the promotion work, the chamber at its Wednesday meeting adopted a motion declining to favor such action until such time as steamship facilities are materially improved between the Islands and the mainland. The motion was made by H. W. Rice and seconded by H. A. Baldwin. Mr. Rice stated that it seemed ill advised to be spending money in an effort to bring tourists to the Islands when local people cannot even find accommodations on the steamers.

The county of Maui before the war contributed \$50 monthly to the promotion fund.

NITRATES FROM THE AIR

When Thomas Edison was asked recently what he considered the greatest inventions since the electric lights he mentioned first wireless telegraphy and second, the American process for making nitrogen from the air. Before the war we depended upon Germany for our supply of nitrogen, and especially for the fertilizers which made our farms so productive. The Germans had deposits which they only need dig out of the ground to sell at enormous prices. Today there are great plants in the south where the air is put under pressure and frozen to a liquid form from which is turned the nitrogen is extracted. The supply is of course absolutely limitless. By harnessing water falls to these plants the work is done very cheaply. —May Boys' Life.

Housewives' League May Extend To Maui

Honolulu Organization To Beat Old H. C. L.—Wants Co-Operation Of Women Of Rest Of Territory—An Active Body

The Housewives' League of Hawaii organized some weeks ago in Honolulu for the purpose of combating the high cost of living, wrestling with the servant problem, and for making more easy the lot of the housekeeper, is now branching out to take in the women of the other islands. A letter to this effect was received this week from Mrs. Irmgard Elgin, secretary of the League, by Mrs. W. J. Cooper, who is also asked to serve as a delegate. The idea is to build up a membership in the organization on Maui.

As outlined in its constitution, the Housewives' League has for its objects—"the development of community welfare, combating the high cost of living, protecting housewives against unscrupulous merchants, and the devising of means to create and regulate a better standard of domestic service."

It is understood that in Honolulu the organization has already accomplished much through an employment bureau and information office which has been opened. It further will have the directing of a new municipal market which is just being started with the co-operation of the city and county board of supervisors.

Aiken Again Named To Sit On Tourist Bureau

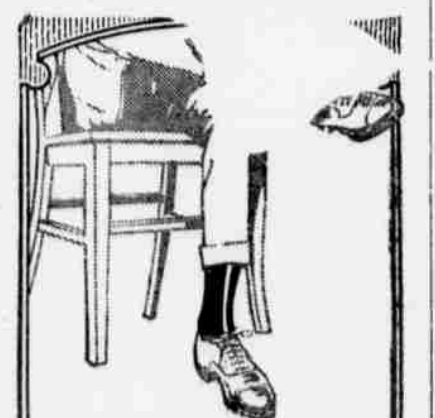
Governor McCarthy has named Worth O. Aiken to succeed himself as the Maui member of the Hawaii Tourist Bureau, he having had the endorsement of this position by both the county supervisors and the Maui chamber of commerce.

Memorial Day To Be Observed By Legion

Memorial Day this year will probably be largely in the hands of the American Legion—at least this will be the case on Maui. It is understood that in Honolulu the several posts are preparing to observe May 30 with fitting exercises in conjunction with the Spanish-American war veterans and other patriotic organizations which are not organized here.

Just what nature the celebration will take here on Maui will probably be decided at the meeting of the Post which will be held next Tuesday evening. It is proposed, however, as a part of the ceremonies that an address be made by a speaker from Honolulu, and the executive committee has already taken up the matter of securing such speaker with the Department officials in Honolulu.

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